

Faulk, Camilla

From: KeithTyne [keitht@co.skagit.wa.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Faulk, Camilla
Subject: Support for Proposed CrR 4.11 - The Witness Recording Rule

Ms. Faulk,

As Director of the Skagit County Public Defender's office, I am contacting you to express my organization's strong support for proposed CrR4.11. First, recording interviews is accurate, it violates no one's rights, it promotes professionalism in the interviews, it allows for the use of a court reporter if the witness just doesn't want to be tape recorded, and it is the only way of memorializing the interviews that permits effective impeachment if the witness alters his or her testimony at trial. It is already done in civil cases where depositions are the norm and court reporters use tapes as back-up to check the accuracy of their reporting. Lastly, I would point out that in a time of limited public funds, being able to record interviews would often obviate the need to hire a contract investigator to take simultaneous notes.

Thank you considering this input.

Sincerely,

Keith Tyne, Director
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